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IN our 108th, 113h, and 116th Journals, an examination of Doctor B's. *Preface* to his MILTON's *Paradiſe Loſt* was publiſhed, as an introduction to a particular examination of the Doctor's alterations of that Poem. And tho' all the moſt material things in that Preface have been already anſwered; it may not be amiſs to take ſome notice of two or three particulars of leſs conſequence, and thereby compleat the whole animadverſion.

In P. 3. the Doctor ſays, that the Copy 'was purchaſed 'for ten pounds, and (if a ſecond edition follow'd) for 'five pounds more.' From which Mr. FENTON's account varies a little, who † tells us, that 'the payment of the 'fiveteen pounds depended on the ſale of three numerous impreſſions.' Which I hope, for the honour of the Bookſellers, is a leſs true account than the Doctor's.

At P. 6. The Doctor declares 'I wonder not ſo much 'at the Poem itſelf, tho' worthy of all wonder; as that 'the Author, ... confin'd in a narrow and to him a 'dark chamber, ſurrounded with cares and fears, could 'ſpatiate at large through the compaſs of the whole Uni'verſe, &c.' To a perſon who was blind, I imagine, that, with reſpect to contemplation, there could be no manner of difference betwixt a *broad* or a *narrow chamber*; ſince both *to him* muſt be equally *dark*: he might not indeed breathe, but he might think as freely in one, as in the other. And as to the circumſtance of his blindneſs, this is ſo far from increaſing my *wonder* at the unbounded range of his imagination, that it really leſſens it very much. And in this ſentiment I find Mr. FENTON, a Gentleman at leaſt as famous for his poetical genius as Doctor B. He, reaſoning a little upon this matter, tells us, that MILTON ‡ 'having treaſured up ſuch immenſe 'ſtores of ſcience, perhaps the faculties of his ſoul grew 'more vigorous after he was deprived of his ſight: 'and his imagination (naturally ſublime, and inlarg'd by 'reading Romances, of which he was much inamour'd 'in his youth) when it was wholly abſtracted from ma'terial objects, was more at liberty to make ſuch amazing 'excurſions into the ideal world, when in compoſing his 'Divine work he was tempted to range

Beyond the viſible diurnal ſphere.

But how contrary ſoever this *Preface* hitherto has appeared to the opinion of the Learned, they will not be altogether ſo averſe to the concluſion of it. P. 6, 7. 'Had 'theſe very Notes been written forty years ago; it would 'then have been prudence to have ſuppreſs'd them, for 'fear of injuring one's riſing fortune.' The *prudence* of *ſuppreſſing* ſuch *notes then*, would not I believe have been queſtioned by any Reader, even tho' the reaſon aſſigned for their publication now, which immediately follows, had been omitted. 'But now when ſeventy years *jam*-'*dudum memorem monuerunt*, and ſpoke loudly in my ears, '*Mitte leves ſpes & certamina divitiarum*; I made the 'notes *extempore*, and put them to the preſs as ſoon as 'made, without any apprehenſion of growing leaner by 'cenſures, or plumper by commendations.' The truth of this matter of fact, no body who reads theſe Notes can diſpute: but the *prudence* of this conduct, in a perſon of ſo advanced an age, will not be ſo univerſally acknowledged. Had theſe *notes* been made *extempore*, by a young man, and publiſhed immediately; the heat, inconſiderateneſs, and ſelf-conceit natural to our youthful years, might have been pleaded in excuſe of ſo raſh a proceeding. Or had they been written by any one even of the Doctor's age, and only handed about in Manuſcript, the haſtineſs of the compoſition might have a little excuſed the oddneſs of it. Or if ſuch a ſtrange deſign had been put in execution only upon ſome leſs conſiderable Author; the world would not have had the ſame reaſon to reſent this uſage in ſo ſevere a manner. But for a perſon, who, tho' allowed to be a very learned Critic, was never imagined to be a Poet, to pour out in extemporary effuſions, crude and indigeſted criticiſms, upon the compleateſt Poem in the Engliſh language; to pretend to alter and correct it in every page; to ſtrike out great numbers of verſes; and to put in many of his own; this juſtly raiſes the wonder, ſcorn, and indignation of all that hear it. This is to act more like a Pedagogue than a Critic; and to treat the Heroic Poem of the Great MILTON, like the exerciſe of a School-boy. A proceeding ſo extravagant, that it would be even incredible, did not the Doctor himſelf aſſure us of the truth of it, and the notes themſelves ſtrongly confirm it. This infinitely exceeds the undertaking of ZOILUS in his animadverſions upon HOMER: of whom it is not even ſuſpected, that he had the audaciouſneſs to make them *extempore*; and much leſs, that he had the vanity, folly, and frenzy to declare that he did.

Every part of this *Preface* has been now carefully conſidered; and thereby the main foundation ſubverted, upon which much the greater part of the Doctor's alterations are built. Before we enter upon a particular examination of which, I ſhall beg leave to preſent to the Public the following Paper, which evidently ſhews, that if the Doctor's Art of Criticiſm be allowed, thoſe parts of this Poem, which he has left untouched, as needing no correction, are as liable to alterations, as thoſe which he has criticized. From hence it will likewiſe follow, that not only *Paradiſe regain'd*, and *Samſon Agoniſtes*, which he declares to be *without faults*, but alſo any Poem of any other Author whatſoever, may be amended after the ſame manner. And as this Paper is written, not only in the Doctor's manner, but likewiſe in his very expreſſions, it is no extravagant piece of banter, nor does it ſet his *Notes* in a light at all more ridiculous, than he himſelf has placed them.

BAVIUS.

† FENTON's *Life of Milton*, prefixed to an edition of *Paradiſe Loſt*, in 1730. P. 23.

‡ *Life of Milton*, P. 27, 28, Mr. FENTON ſays, P. 14, that MILTON left no more than 1500 l. behind him for the ſupport of his family.

To BAVIUS, Secretary of the Society of Grubſtreet.

BAVIUS,

IN the 4th Book of MILTON's *Paradiſe loſt*, *v.* 677. begins this paſſage.

Millions of ſpiritual Creatures walk the Earth
Unſeen, both when we wake, and when we ſleep:
All theſe with ceaſeleſs praiſe, his Works behold
Both day and night: how often from the ſteep 680
Of echoing Hill or Thicket have we heard
Celeſtial voices to the midnight air,
Sole or reſponſive each to others note,
Singing their great Creator: oft in bands
While they keep watch, or nightly rounding walk, 685
With Heav'nly touch of inſtrumental ſounds
In full harmonic number join'd, their ſongs
Divide the night, and lift our thoughts to Heaven.

In my late Edition you will find, that I have made no alteration in theſe verſes, except in *v.* 684 *Hymning* inſtead of *Singing*, juſt to keep my hand in uſe. While they were under conſideration, I was in a good humour, and a little drowſy: but now upon a reviſal, I find them polluted with ſuch monſtrous faults, ſuch a Deſoedation in all the parts, as could proceed from no body but the ignorant and pragmatical Editor, whom I have had ſo much to do with. It will be a difficult task amidſt this heap of rubbiſh, to find out the native beauty, which the Author inſtincted through it: but let us try what can be done.

V. 677. Millions *of ſpiritual Creatures walk the Earth.*] Indeed! *Millions!* ſo many could not walk together in Paradiſe, which the Author muſt mean by *Earth*, unleſs *Gods met Gods and juſtled in the dark.* Beſides, ſo many ſingers would either quite deafen ADAM and EVE, or elſe deprive them of all ſleep, and diſtract them. Read it therefore, as the Author gave it *Several.*

Spiritual Creatures.] Here *ſpiritual*, which is properly four ſyllables, is by violence contracted into two. Whereas MILTON never makes it leſs than three: as *v.* 406. Spiritual *may of pureſt Spirits be found.* Here *ſpirit* — part of the firſt word is made two ſyllables, tho' *ſpirits*, in the ſame verſe is only one. By *ſpiritual Creatures* are certainly meant *Angels*, and ſo it came from MILTON without any affectation.

Walk the Earth.] What Language is that? *Walk* is never uſed in a tranſitive ſenſe, but a neuter; as in this very paſſage, v. 685, and III. 440.

So on this windy Sea of Land, the Fiend
Walk'd *up and down alone.*

Indeed in III. 200, we read,

Ye that in waters glide, and ye that walk
The Earth.

But I have plainly ſhewed in my note upon that place, that the Author was there guilty of *an overſight.* In the place before us read *walk upon the earth*; which is perſpicuous and intelligible: but when this vile Editor foiſted in *Spiritual Creatures* for *Angels*, he was forced to leave out the Prepoſition *upon*; and ſo for the ſake of the meaſure gave us nonſenſe.

V. 678. Unſeen, *both when we wake and when we ſleep.* Pray where's the wonder, that ADAM and EVE ſhould not *ſee* theſe Angels while they were *aſleep*? and what is it to the purpoſe, that the Angels were *unſeen*? A ſlight variation makes it good ſenſe; *And ſee. Think not*, ſays ADAM, *that Heaven wants ſpectators*, for the Angels *ſee, whether we wake or ſleep.*

V. 679. *And theſe with* ceaſeleſs *praiſe his Works behold.*] He adds, *Both day and night* in the next line; therefore *ceaſeleſs* is ſuperfluous and redundant. I perſuade myſelf our Poet gave it *celſeſt*, higheſt, from the Latin *celſus*: the ſenſe is unexceptionable; and who knows not MILTON's inclination to coin new words. See my note on I. 167.

Behold *with praiſe.*] This does not come up to the Poet's uſual exactneſs. They might *behold the works with* mental, internal *praiſe*: here ſhould be ſome word to ſhew that they expreſſed their praiſes. MILTON gave it *extoll*; as in this book, *v.* 436. *But let us ever* praiſe *him, and* extoll *His bounty.* And *v.* 164. *Join all we Creatures to* extoll *him firſt.*

V. 680. *Both day and night.*] A manifeſt imitation of VIRGIL, *noctes atque dies.*

Ibid. How often from the ſteep.] *Steep* makes a rime to the penultimal verſe, which is carefully to be avoided. Better therefore *from the tip*; or if *tip* approaches too near to rime, it may be *top.*

V. 681. *From the* ſteep *Of echoing hill or thicket.*] At firſt reading this ſtrikes one, as if it was *the ſteep of thicket* (ſee my note on I. 393.) whereas a *thicket* rather implies a low ſituation as IX. 179. *Through each* thicket *dank or dry, Like a black miſt* low *creeping.* The Author, who rather aims at ſtrong expreſſion, than ſmooth and flowing numbers (ſee note III. 145.) muſt have given it thus. *How often from the top Of echoing hill, or* from *thicket have we' heard*: the *e* in *we* is cut off in the pronunciation, as uſual before a vowel; for *h* is no letter. See *The Accidence.*

V. 682. *Celeſtial voices* to *the midnight* air.] The Author is not ſpeaking of the *air*, but the time, which was at midnight, as v. 687. *their ſongs Divide the night:* Therefore it muſt be here, *at the midnight* hour. He would have ſaid, *celeſtial voices* juſt at twelve a clock; but he prudently conſidered, that *clocks* were not then invented. You may ſee *noontide air* falſly put for *noontide hour* again, II. 309. as I have proved in my note there.

V. 689. *Sole* or reſponſive *each to others note.*] The Printer here has beſtowed upon the Poet abſolute nonſenſe: if each Angel by himſelf anſwered the note of another, he muſt ſing *ſole*; and there can be no place for the disjunctive particle *or.* If it was neceſſary to keep up an oppoſition, it ſhould be thus, *Jointly' or reſponſive each to*, &c. but with the addition of but one ſingle letter to the preſent text, the Author undoubtedly ſaid, *Sole*, correſponſive *each to others note.* This *correſponſive* was an hard word, which the Printer did not underſtand; ſo he left out the firſt element, and ſplit the word into two.

V. 684. Singing *their great Creator.*] I have already ſaid in my Edition, that it ſhould be *Hymning*: and ſo it ſhall be: but *their Creator* is ſpurious. The Angels did not *hymn* God as being *their* Creator, but as the Creator of *thoſe works*, which they are deſcribed beholding. Reſtore the true reading thus, *Hymning the great Creator.* I have not yet done with this ſentence, tho' I have nothing more to ſay againſt the Amanuenſis, Editor, or Printer about it; but it muſt be laid to the Author's charge, tho' he may fairly plead not guilty. There is a diſagreeable identity of ſound in *great*, and the former part of the word *Creator*, which MILTON, had he not loſt his eye-ſight, would infallibly have diſcovered. Among ſeveral ways of changing it, this will not be found abſurd, or diſagreeing from the Miltonian character; *Hymning* GOD *the Creator*, as I. v. 369. *to forſake God their Creator.*

V. 685. *While they keep watch, or nightly rounding walk.*] *Nightly* is implied in the precedent phraſe, *While they keep watch.* I at firſt ſuſpected it ſhould be *nightly*; as I have proved *night* to be corruptedly put for *nigh*, I. 204. but when I conſider that the angelic guards went from the eaſtern gate to the weſtern point, part of them by the north, and part by the ſouth, as deſcribed, v. 782. I am poſitive the Author gave it, *or* while half *rounding walk*: as v. 862. *where thoſe* half *rounding guards Juſt met.*

V. 686. *With* heav'nly *touch of inſtrumental ſounds.*]

We have had *celeſtial*, which is exactly the ſame, but four lines before. Here it ſhould be *delicate*. *Touch of ſounds* is vitious, and could not come from MILTON but thus, of *inſtruments, with ſounds*.

V. 67. *In full* harmonic *number join'd.*] This *harmonic* is an harſh *unharmonious* word. Our Author, well ſkilled in Muſic, could not be guilty of any thing ſo abſonous, (ſee my note. IV. 472.) It came from him, And *rumbers full of* harmony.

V. 688. *And* liſt *our thoughts to Heaven.*] Poor Poet, in ſubjection to a ſaucy Editor, and ignorant Printer! *Songs* liſting *thoughts* is an incongruous metaphor; it gives us the idea of a Porter *lifting* his burden; it could not come ſo from MILTON. We have no way to retrieve his own word, as no manuſcript exiſts, but by ſagacity and happy conjecture. Among other words that offer themſelves, *waft*, or *blow* our thoughts may be proper for *ſongs*, which are made of air; but I am perſuaded the Author gave it *wing*; as III. 87. *He* wings *his way, Not far off Heaven.*

Thus at length I have got through this traſh, this ſtuff, this outrageous nonſenſe; which yet has been repreſented as a celebrated paſſage. (See alſo my note I. 590.) I flatter myſelf, that I have reſtored the Poet's own words; and that all good judges will allow this place, with theſe emendations, to be wrought up to all poſſible perfection. The whole now ſtands thus:

Several Angels walk *upon* the earth,
And ſee, both when we wake, and when we ſleep.
All theſe with *celeſt* praiſe his works *extoll*
Both day and night: how often from the *top*
Of echoing hill, or *from* thicket have *we'* heard
Celeſtial voices *at* the midnight *hour*
Sole, correſponſive each to other's note
Hymning God the Creator: oft in bands
While they keep watch, or *while half* rounding walk,
With *delicate* touch of inſtruments, *with* ſounds,
And numbers full of *harmony*, their ſongs
Divide the night, and *wing* our thoughts to Heaven.

BAVIUS. I require you to publiſh this inſtantly, as a ſhort Appendix to my new Edition.

Imprimatur, *Id. Feb.* ZOILUS.

On the Firſt of April.

NAture is riſing from the dead:
Froſts and Scythian ſnows are fled;
Boreas to his cavern creeps,
And, tir'd with winter-bluſt'ring, ſleeps:
Soft Zephyrs from the ocean move,
The birth-place of the Queen of Love;
And o'er the meadows, hills, and dales
Play with their ſweet reviving gales;
Chaſing all diſcontent, and care,
And every ſadneſs but deſpair.
Ah! CHLOE, when, my charming Fair?

PHILO-VERIS.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Courant.* | E P. *Evening Poſt.*
P. *Poſt-Boy.* | S J. *S. James's Evening Poſt.*
D P. *Daily Poſt.* | WE. *Whitehall Evening P.*
D J. *Daily Journal.* | LE. *London Evening Poſt.*

Puffs of cold Hyp—o critic—oratorical March wind.

The Oratory ſubjects next ſunday morning will be, &c. *D J. Mar.* 3. —— Mr. P. having compar'd himſelf, &c. Maſter Iſaac, To-morrow, in his Hyp-Doctor, &c. *D J.* 5. ——— The Oratory ſubject next ſunday morning will be, &c. *D J.* 10. ——— The Hyp Doctor will, in his To-morrow's Paper, &c. *D J.* 13. ——— The ſunday's Diſcourſes of the Oratory are engaged to be, &c. *D J.* 17. — In To-morrow's Hyp-Doctor, we are inform'd from my Lady C——'s, &c. *D J.* 20. — In To-morrow's Hyp-Doctor will be a Letter, &c. *D J.* 27. —— The Hyp-Doctor has ſatyrically anſwered Fog's laſt Journal, &c. *D J.* 31.

Beſides theſe ſhort Puffs, there were fourteen long-winded Blaſts: ſeven Oratorical; and ſeven Hypochondriacal. Of the former, four were in Fog's Journals, and three in the *S J.* and of the latter three in the *S J.* and four in the *D J.* ——— Of Puffs and Blaſts ſum total in March, Twenty two. ——— *An ill wind that blows no body any good.*

THURSDAY, *March* 30.

Yeſterday the Rev. Dr. Foulks preached before their Majeſties, and the Royal Family in the Chappel Royal at S. James's. *C.*

The R. Hon. the E. of Exeter, who hath lately been much indiſpoſed with the Small pox, is in a very fair way of recovery. *C.* —— Laſt night he was ſo dangerouſly ill, that there was but little hopes of his recovery. *P.*—— He is ſo well recovered, that yeſterday he ſaw company. *L E. Ap.* 4.

On ſaturday at the Aſſizes at Exeter, Steph. Woone, Benj. Crews, and John Woone, received ſentence of death, for barbarouſly murdering Mr. John Pike, Tide Surveyor of the cuſtoms in the Port of Plymouth, in the execution of his duty. *C. P. D P.*

The ſhip Moor, from Dieppe, arrived yeſterd. in the river, having on board the corpſe of Dr. Atterbury, late Biſhop of Rocheſter. *D J.* —— Will. Morrice, Eſq; is not yet returned, that Gentleman meeting (as we are informed) with great difficulties in removing the perſonal eſtate of the ſaid Prelate to another kingdom. *D P, Mar.* 31.

A ſervant of Mr. Nickols, a Shop-keeper at Ongar, riding to town on tueſday laſt with 300 and odd pounds, was robbed near Snarebrook. As this robbery was committed about 11 o' clock in the forenoon, Mr. Nicholls we hear will ſue the Hundred. *C.* ——— A ſervant to Mr. Parſons: 313 l. *D J.*

On ſunday in the forenoon the Dutcheſs of Mancheſter's woman was robbed of a gold watch, in S. Clement's Church, during the time of divine ſervice. *D J.*

If Mrs. Nab *at pray'rs had leſs affected the* Dutcheſs,
Her gold watch *had been ſafe from the* Pick-pocket's *clutches.*

Lynn Regis, Mar. 27. On the 24th Mr. John Child, Dep. Collector, ſeized out of the Providence, lately arrived from Rotterdam, 150 gall. of brandy, 150 of compound waters, 14 of rum, all in bottles, 43 pounds of tea, and ſome coffee. *P.*

Dover, Mar. 26. Our Cuſtom-houſe boat brought in laſt week near 200 half anchors of brandy; and on friday they brought in the boat, in which they found 45 half anchors. *S J. L E.*

This day the Aſſizes for the County of Surrey ended, when 6 perſons received ſentence of death. *S J.*

On ſaturday laſt, of City Youths the Society,
At S. Mary Overs rang a compleat peal of *great variety*
5040 Tripples, plain bob method, which *then*,
They compleated in 3 hours 32 minutes with 9 men. *S J.*

FRIDAY, *March* 31.

Yeſterday was held a Court of Honour at the College of Arms at Doctors Commons, at which the R. Hon. the Earl of Effingham, Dep. Earl Marſhal of England, ſat as judge, attended by Blance Anſtis, Eſq; King at Arms, and Knox Ward, Eſq; Clarencieux King at Arms. The Court was moved againſt Mrs. Radborn; but being overruled, was deferred to the next Court, which is to be held Ap. 25. The Court was alſo moved againſt Sir John Blunt, for bearing a Coat of Arms ſuppoſed not to belong to that family; alſo againſt Mr. Ladbrook's Executor, for hanging up an Atchievement, and uſing ornaments at his funeral, that did not belong to the ſaid Mr. Ladbrook. *P.* —— Dr. Henchman, the King's Advocate, moved the Court againſt a perſon who had ſet up Banners in Rye-gate Church, with eſcutcheons, &c. and alſo againſt others for aſſuming arms they had no right to; and a citation was granted againſt them: then one of the Heralds acquainted the Court, that the holding theſe Courts of Honour was reported to be for their profit and lucre only; and deſired the Judge would acquaint the E. Marſhal, that their intentions were *All honour*, and entirely free from ſelf-intereſt. *D P.*

Dover, Mar. 29. The Smugglers called the Mayfield gang, were in this town and neighbourhood on ſunday, having (as we hear) ſent an orderly man to Calais, where their veſſel lay loaded with tea and dry goods, to bring them to S. Margaret's bay. The cuſtom-houſe Officers having ſome notice, were upon their guard or duty, when the gang and boat appeared. The gang conſiſting of about 20 men and 25 horſes, ſeized 2 of the Officers, and put them into an Alehouſe, and ſet a guard upon them, when the boats of Deal and ſome others came up; and they alſo endeavouring to do their duty, Rich. Hill was ſhot into the back of his neck and out at his mouth, and had a very large wound on his head to the ſcull; and Tho. Low was wounded in the head. Hill died immediately. We hear that the gang went by Uphill of Folkſtone yeſterday morning with their drawn ſwords. They are extremely well armed, and their Heads or Captains (as we hear) are Gilb. Tomkins, and one Toms, Outlaws. *P.*

On the 26th died ſuddenly at his ſeat in Devonſhire, the R. Hon. the L. Clifford of Chudleigh: he was born in 1687, and ſucceeded his father in honour and eſtate, Oct. 13, 1730. *D P.* —— On monday died at his houſe in Aldermanbury, in the 91ſt year of his age, Tho. Uvedale, Eſq; a noted Turky Merchant. *D P.* —— Yeſterday in the afternoon died at her habitation near the Broad way, Weſtminſter, Mrs. Martha Williams, reputed to be worth 40,000 l. *D J.*

On tueſday a Weaver, up the top of a tree having got,
To ſee an exerciſe at arms, fell down, *as if he had been ſhot*;
(*Twas* in White-chappel fields) and died on the ſpot. *C.*

SATURDAY, *April* 1.

Yeſterday the Rev. Dr. Clarke, Dean of Sarum, preach'd before their Majeſties, &c. *C.* — Mr. Betteridge, Gentleman to the Earl of Hallifax, ſucceeds Mr. Milward, deceas'd, as Meſſenger to the Auditor's Office in his Majeſty's Exchequer, a place worth about 300 l. per ann. *D J.*

On thurſday laſt Prince Cantimir de Valachie, Miniſter from the Czarina, arrived here from the Hague, and has taken up his reſidence in Park-Place S. James's. *D P.*

Dennis Bond, Eſq; and Baron Birch, are both expelled the Houſe of Commons, on account of the ſale of the late Earl of Derwentwater's eſtate. *P.*

Yeſterday was held a veſtry of the Pariſh of S. George Hanover-ſquare, for the choice of a Lecturer, to ſucceed Dr. Smith, who lately reſigned: the Candidates were the Rev. Dr. Savage, and the Rev. Mr. Medlicot, and the votes were as follow: for Dr. Savage 42: for Mr. Medlicot 31. That veſtry conſiſts of 101 Gentlemen, and 28 were abſent. *D J.*

Yeſterday at a Court at Bridewell, Will. Gore, Eſq; took his charge as Governor, and the following Gentlemen were confirmed Governors of that and Bethlehem Hoſpital, viz.

Mr. Step. Harvey.	Mr. Will. Cooper.
John Strange, Eſq; Counſellor at Law.	Mr. Allen Webb.
Sir George Wynne, Bar.	Mr. Tho. Skipp.
Malachi Hawkyne, Eſq;	Mr. Will. Newland, Attorney at Law.
Tho. Hardy, Eſq;	Mr. John Deeton,
Mr. Walt. Barnard.	Mr. Nevill Leman.
Mr. John Cooke.	

D P.

Yeſterday Counſellor Edwards of Chancery-lane, was ſworn in before the R. Hon. the L. Chancellor, one of the Maſters in Chancery, in the room of Mr. Tottle, who has reſigned. *P.*

Yeſterday morning died at Bromley in Kent, the Rev. Dr. Blomer, Miniſter of Allhallow's Lombard-ſtreet. *D P.*

MONDAY, *April* 3.

Yeſterday the R. Rev. the L. Biſhop of Wincheſter preach'd before their Majeſties, &c. *C. P.* —— We hear that her Majeſty will be appointed Regent in the abſence of his Majeſty, during his ſtay in viſiting his German dominions; and that her Majeſty will keep her Court at Kenſington. *P.* And likewiſe that his Majeſty will ſet out the latter end of next month. *D J.* —— We hear his Majeſty deſigns to ſet out the 7th of May. *P.*

On ſaturday laſt a new barge, built for his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales, was launch'd over-againſt Hungerford-market, and was immediately rowed, by his Royal Highneſs's 12 Watermen, to Whitehall ſtairs, where ſeveral perſons of diſtinction took water in her, and went up the river. *D J.*

We hear the R. Hon. the E. of Litchfield has been offer'd 10,000 l. for the Prothonotary's place, &c. the ſaid place bringing in about 1300 or 1400 l. per ann. *D P.* —— Rob. Warner of Lincoln's Inn, Eſq; is made one of the Prothonotaries of his Majeſty's Court of Common-Pleas, in the room of Rich. Foley, Eſq; deceaſed. *P.*

On friday laſt began the Horſe-races at New market with a match between the D. of Bolton's *Fearnought* and Mr. Coke's *Hobgoblin*, 4 miles for 500 guineas, which was won by the former; and we hear that above 10,000 l. was won and loſt by the ſaid match. *D J.* Won by 2 lengths. *P.*

Yeſterday morning the Princeſs Amelia, Capt. Henr. Fiſher, and the Mermaid, Capt. Butler, in the Service of the South-Sea Company, ſailed from Graveſend, with a fair Wind, for the Downs, in order to proceed on their voyage to Buenos Ayres. *C.*

On Thurſday the Lords of the Council confirm'd the election of Mr. Halfpenny, as Town Clerk of Monmouth; the ſame being before their Lordſhips on petition of Mr. Catchmay, claiming a Right thereto. *D P.*

Yeſterday morning died the relict of the R. Rev. Rich. Fowler, late Biſhop of Gloceſter, &c. *P.*

TUESDAY, *April* 4.

Yeſterday his Majeſty went to the Houſe of Lords, and gave the Royal aſſent to the Land-Tax Act; to an Act for reviving the duty on ſalt; an Act for importing from America directly into Ireland, goods not enumerated in any Act of Parliament, &c. an Act for providing a recompence to Sir Tho. Lombe, for diſcovering and introducing the art of making and working the 3 capital Italian engines for making organzine ſilk; as alſo to ſeveral private Acts. *P. D J.*

Yeſterday Geo. Robinſon, Eſq; late Treaſurer of the Charitable Corporation, was expelled the Houſe of Commons, and a new writ was ordered to be iſſued out for electing a new Member for Great Marlow in Buckinghamſhire. *D J.* —— A new writ was alſo ordered for Pool in Dorſetſhire [for an election of a Member] in the room of Dennis Bond, Eſq; who was expelled the Houſe, &c. *P. D J.*

We hear that a great prize of 20,000 guilders, drawn lately againſt No. 21 17, in the 5th claſs of the Utrecht lottery, is fallen between 4 working men, ſervants to Sugar-bakers in this City, who received the money for it this week, &c. *D J.*

We hear that Rich. Foley, Eſq; has left the chief part of his eſtate (which was very conſiderable) to his younger Brother Edw. Foley, of Lincolns Inn, Eſq; ordering 100 l. per ann. out of it, to be paid quarterly, Tax-free, to Will. Shippen, Eſq; for eminent ſervices done to his Country. *D P.*

Letters from Norwich of the 1ſt inſt. ſay, that a few days ago ſome men at work in a ditch near Colton in Norfolk, found there the bones of a man buried with his

face downwards, and a rusty blade of a razor sticking in his neck-bone, by which it is evident he was murdered, and buried in that ditch; the bones were very dry, and laid for many years there, &c. *D P.*

Taunton in Somersetshire, Ap. 1. At the Assizes here, Jonathan Hakins received sentence of death for the murder of George Gast, and Mary his daughter. Gast was an antient man, and Mary his daughter was the only person who lived with him: Hakins was indebted to Gast 20 l. by bond, and having been threatned to be sued, declared he would soon prevent the law-suit, which he did in the following inhuman manner: On Nov. 19, in the evening, he went to Gast's house at a little village call'd *Mark*, and persuaded him to drink cyder and brandy 'till he was drunk, then help'd the daughter to put him to bed, and roll'd him in the bed-cloaths; after this he persuaded the daughter to drink with him some little time, and then murder'd her, then murder'd the old man, and set the house on fire by thrusting a burning coal into the thatch, lock'd the door, and threw away the key, (after taking 25 s. out of the girl's pocket): the house was burnt, but by the providence of God the bodies were found, and thrown out of the house before it was consum'd, and many marks of violence being found upon them, and the prisoner having been seen to go into the house the night before, was charg'd upon suspicion, and confess'd the fact: he pretended to make love to the poor girl, who was about 20 years of age, and esteem'd the handsomest lass in the parish. *D P.*

Yesterday came on a hearing before the R. Hon. the L. Chancellor, relating to the petition of several Constables, &c. complaining of the illegal practices of one of his Majesty's Justices for the County of Middlesex, in freeing disorderly persons taken up in the night, &c. and his Lordship was pleased to suspend the said Justice. *D P.* —— Jack Catch *could* suspend *him more effectually.*

Dennis Bond, Esq; stands again for Wareham in Dorsetshire, as does Mr. Baron Birch, for Wotly, and 'tis believed will both be re-elected without opposition. *S J.*— Dennis Bond, Esq; Recorder of Pool and of Wareham in Dorsetshire, Carrier of all his Majesties letters between his Court or Palace of residence, and the first Postage or Post-Office. —— John Birch Esq; Serjeant at Law, Cursitor Baron of the Exchequer. *L E.*

The Hyp-Doctor on K. William's character is much applauded, as a compleat Answer to the objections to K. William and his memory. *D J.* —*Teste meipso* Hypodoctore.

What truth can you bear on Good Friday?
What doctrine divine upon Sundays?
If each Tuesday *and* Saturday's *lie-day*;
The other must sure be all fun-days.

WEDNESDAY, *April* 5.

We hear that a fine picture of the Princess Royal of Denmark has been lately sent over hither to this Court; and that Mr. Gervase is painting the picture of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, to be sent over to the Court of Denmark. *D P.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-street.*

To Mr. WALKER, upon his Choice of ALEXANDER the Great, for his *Benefit*, on Monday next.

MACKHEATH, that *petty Robber*, once you feign'd,
And all the Town's deserv'd applause obtain'd:
Now, the *great Robber of the World* you aim,
To crown your *action*, and confirm your *fame.*
But, tell me, WALKER, is it *chance* or *choice?*
Say, does your *heart*, in *vicious parts*, rejoyce?
—Whate'er the case, beware of the event—
Let not *example*, your good *morals* taint,
Lest, by degrees *corrupted*, you appear
A very *villain*, void of *grace* and fear ——
Take to the *Road*—an arrant *Ruffian* be,
And swing, at last, on TYBURN's triple Tree.
To mimick *thunder* bold *Salmoneus* try'd;
But, by a burst of *real thunder*, dy'd.
Perhaps, you hope, by growing *great in sin*,
To 'scape the *gallows*, and *preferment* win—
The Times are alter'd, Sir; for *Rogues* disguis'd,
E'en by the *Great*, begin to be despis'd.
The *British Senate*, with impartial care,
To the wide world lays *lurking Knavery* bare;
And, in proportion to its various ways,
Arrears of vengeance to the *guilty* pays.
This for your Caution. —But what cause to fear?
Your soul is honest, open, and sincere.
Improve and prosper, my brave Lad: and may
Approaching *Monday* prove an happy day;
A *well-fill'd house* your annual toil reward,
And your heart joy to meet the Town's regard.

M. DRAMATICUS.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *March* 30.

Yesterday arrived the Mail due from France.

Paris, Apr. 5. N. S. Our last letters from Constantinople, by the way of Marseilles, advise, that the Prime Vizir had furnished the French Monks settled there *gratis*, with all materials necessary for rebuilding the 3 Churches they had in the suburb of Pera, which were destroyed by the late fire. *C.* &c. ——— The King has not granted the title of Prime Minister to the Keeper of the Seals; having only declared, that he shall do business with him, joinly with the Cardinal. *C. P.* ——— The King has named the Sieur Chicoineau his first Physician. *D P.*

Rome, Mar. 15. They write from Civita Vecchia, that the Turks having made a descent on the Island of Corsica, near Bastia, carried off a whole Convent of Monks prisoners. *D P.*

FRIDAY, *March* 31.

Milan, Mar. 15. His Royal Highness Don Carlos is to reside 6 months at Parma, to commence from the beginning of May next, and the other 6 at Florence. *D P.*

SATURDAY, *Ap.* 1.

Yesterday arrived the Mail from Holland.

Seville, Mar. 14. N. S. The Gen. Count de Mortemar is to set out on monday, to put himself at the head of the army in Catalonia: He will have under him 2 Lieut. Generals, 8 Major Generals, and 8 Brigadiers. The army consisting of 32 battalions of 700 men each, and 24 squadrons of 120 men each, a company of workmen, and 33 Engineers, is actually marching to Valencia, to go on board the squadron, which is composed of 12 men of war, and 2 bomb-galliots, besides gallies and transports: the train of artillery is to consist of 50 cannon, 8 mortars for throwing bombs, and 4 for throwing stones. —— Letters from the camp before Gibraltar advise, that the wall of the line, and the 2 principal forts were entirely finished; and that they were now building a 3d fort. *C. P. D J.*

Schaffhausen, Mar. 30. It is written from Toulon, that the squadron which was fitting out there, consists of 6 men of war, 2 frigates, 3 bomb-galliots, 2 other galliots, and several flat bottom'd vessels and transports. *C.*

MONDAY, *April* 3.

On Saturday arrived the Mail from Flanders, *and yesterday one from* France.

Paris, Ap. 9. N. S. The Count de Maurepas has been nominated Superintendant of the Royal garden of plants; and M. du Fay of the Royal Academy of sciences, is made Intendant of the said garden, under the direction of the Count de Maurepas, with a salary of 3000 livres a year. *C. P. D P.* ——— We learn from Meaux, that there is an epidemical distemper in 2 villages near that city, which they call the sweating sickness, whereof 65 persons have died in 2 days, those who are seized dying in 24 hours; and 'tis pretended, that this sickness was occasion'd by the bursting of a cloud over those two villages, with much thunder and hail. *D J.*

TUESDAY, *April* 4.

Hague, Ap. 8. N. S. 'How uncertain still are all the 'dispositions of earthly Princes and Politicians! It is but 'very lately, that we could congratulate one another upon the accession of this State to the Treaty of Vienna; 'and we are already apprehensive, that the King of 'Spain will explain that Treaty in such a manner, that 'fresh troubles may ensue. We are put in mind also of 'the position laid down in the French Pamphlet, pretended to be written by a German Patriot against the '*Pragmatick Sanction*, wherein it is said, that the Crown 'of France has great pretensions upon some Imperial 'Countries and Provinces. *P.*'

This Day arrived the Mail from Holland.

Vienna, Mar. 29. The Emperor has named the D. of Lorrain Viceroy, or Vicar-Gen. of Hungary and the Provinces depending, as Transilvania, Servia, Tamesmaer, and part of Wallachia: His Royal Highness is expected about the 23d of next Month, and his Marriage with one of the Archdutchesses will be declared shortly. *L E.*

WEDNESDAY, *April* 5.

Extract of a private letter from Vienna. —— The Duke de Ripperda is got into a scrape, out of which he will have enough to do to extricate himself, if the last letters from Barbary may be relied upon; for they say positively, that he and all his Retinue have been seized and cast into a dungeon, as Traitors to Holland their Country, and to the King of Spain their Benefactor. *P.*

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